

FACED REVOLVERS FOR A FAIR COUNT.

How a Florida Bank President Secured a Seat in the Legislature.

Judge Call Went to His Aid and Ordered a Recount of the Ballots.

Dennis Eagan Denies That the Republicans Will Support Palmer Against Bryan.

RETURNS ARE STILL INCOMPLETE.

The Australian Ballot Proved an Insurmountable Obstacle to More Than Five Thousand Voters—Others Were Well Pleased.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 9.—"Such talk is the merest political drift," it is idly. The "talk" Dennis Eagan characterized thus was a wire from New York, saying that it was reported the Republicans had agreed to pull down their electoral ticket and support Palmer and McKinley. Mr. Eagan is the personal representative and adviser of the Hanna National Committee in Florida affairs, and is an authority.

"The report is simply a revival," he continued. "The Republicans will not withdraw their ticket, and never entered the action for a minute. We have 13,000 qualified voters in the State, and we will try to get them all out."

"How many have the gold Democrats?" "Perhaps 5,000; perhaps not so many. They claim 5,000. However large or small their vote, the Republican ticket will stick."

Statistics still need returns from 100 or more precincts to complete the tale of the vote. It is figured that Bloxham's vote will fall below 30,000 and Gumbly's under 10,000. Weeks will have between 4,000 and 5,000. The registered vote of the State is nearly 60,000, and fewer than 45,000 ballots were cast. More than 5,000 men appeared duly qualified, but after a brief struggle confessed their inability to cope with the Australian ballot.

HAD NO FEAR OF REVOLVERS.

The new system is popular with all except those who cannot read and those who with elections by the use of votes. It affords a second ballot, and a ruling of Judge Call's, made election night, in a crowd where six-shooters were plentiful, guarantees a fair count. J. N. C. Stockton, the president of a national bank, was the means of getting the judicial ruling, and to-day he received some hundreds of letters congratulating him on his game qualities. Mr. Stockton was the candidate for the Legislature in Duval County on the silver Democratic ticket—"the straight-out" ticket, so called. The election machinery in Jacksonville and nearly every other town in the State is controlled by the railway lawyers, who direct policies.

The election supervisors barred out all witnesses, but Stockton broke down the barriers, walked up to six or eight revolvers held by men anxious to shoot, and insisted on watching the proceedings. Judge Call came and accorded Stockton or a representative of the privilege demanded, and ordered a recount of the ballots already scanned. A change of more than 100 votes in favor of the silver ticket resulted and Stockton and his running mate, Pope, were declared elected.

Judge Call to-day made a record of his decision so that the interested public may hereafter supervise the supervisors.

TWO VOTES FOR CALL.

The election of Stockton and Pope gives Senator Wilkinson Call two more votes on joint ballot in the Legislature. He has forty-one pledged and declares himself confident of re-election. There are nearly thirty votes against him, and on the majority of these may be found the mark of one railway corporation or another. The enmity of the railways toward Senator Call is more than twenty years old. They opposed his election, succeeded on the occasions of his last two successes.

"I have no doubt but I will get through all right," said the silver ticket candidate, "no new thing. The railways oppose me because I have always insisted on proper restrictions and reasonable tariffs. My silver views, and my views on the tariff, I shall have a four-fifths majority of the Legislature. There are several members who will vote for me, but fear to declare themselves so far from conceding to them. I want them to register their preferences, either. Bullying might be too strong before the session." Senator Call and the free silver Democracy are sending warm invitations to Bryan to make a visit to Florida. They desire 20,000 majority for the ticket. If he does not come, and will undertake to raise the vote 10,000 if he will make one speech in the State. They think, too, a ride across Georgia and the South through the mark of a great deal of Populist disaffection in those States.

MR. BANKS WON'T TELL.

Commodore Refuses to Name the "Certain Party" He Advertised.

The friends of David Banks, Sr., notice signed by him, warning that he would not pay the bills of a certain party, they were greatly excited. No amount of guessing or speculation could locate the offender. Mr. Banks was besieged by newspaper men, and he finally declined to divulge the name of the man who has abused his confidence or acquaintance. If the "certain party" referred to is the one, he said, "I was forced to publish the notice and I suppose that it has been heeded. At any rate, the matter is not keeping us awake at night."

HOT TALK AT AN INQUEST.

Lawyer Emanuel Wanted to Slap the Opposing Attorney's Face.

Mrs. Jane Pulson was killed by a cable car at Lexington avenue and One Hundred and Eighth street a few weeks ago, and yesterday Coroner Hoebel held an inquest. While Grippman Lagren was testifying, Lawyers S. A. Emanuel, for the company, and August Dryer, listened intently.

"The woman fell from the car," he said, "the gripman, describing the accident, said, 'It's untrue,' said Lawyer Dryer, in a low tone."

"What's that?" said the company's attorney, befalling up, as though a chip had been knocked off his shoulder. "If you say that again, I'll slap your face."

MR. KNOOP WILL APPEAL.

Says Justice Dykman Erred in His Charge to the Jury in the White Plains Divorce Case.

Preparations are being made to appeal from the decision of the jury in the Knop divorce case, the trial of which was concluded in White Plains on Thursday. Mr. Knop feels that he was not allowed to introduce the most important part of his evidence in support of his defense, and is preparing to fight the case through the higher court. His attorney, Alfred Pagelow, of No. 208 Broadway, summoned several of the witnesses to his office yesterday and began preparing his case. The appeal will be made, the lawyer said, on the grounds that in his charge to the jury Justice Dykman pointed out that the failure of the husband to go on the stand was an exhibition of weakness on the part of the defendant, and that he was taken into consideration in arriving at a verdict. The failure of a defendant to go on the stand in his own defense, said Mr. Pagelow, "is expressly provided for in the rules of evidence affecting divorce cases. It is the duty of the Judge to the fact that the refusal of the defendant to testify must in no wise impute against him. The defendant is not to be considered as having committed any error which will give us good grounds for an appeal."

HE'S NOT A COLONEL YET.

But Lieutenant-Colonel Butt Would Probably Have Won Had the Twelfth Regiment Election Come Off Last Night.

Lieutenant-Colonel McCoskey But would be Colonel of the Twelfth Regiment to-day, they say, if the election of a successor to Colonel Herman Dowd, who resigned Thursday, had been held last night. But it has not been ordered yet.

In the Army the majority of the captains and lieutenants, who are the electors, favored Lieutenant-Colonel Butt. He has friends in the regiment in great number, but his two or three enemies who are powerful. A captain said: "If the election were held now the opposition would be defeated, but wait and see."

The opposition is based on the fact that Lieutenant-Colonel Butt has favored a system by which field officers were chosen from other regiments and not from the rank and file.

He has been a National Guardsman for fifteen years. He came from Troy to Company K of the Seventh Regiment, was elected a lieutenant in the Twelfth, and was quickly promoted to be Company commissary and then lieutenant-colonel.

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